

January 1983.

Next Meeting.

Following the Christmas festivities, on January 4th we are holding our Annual Film Show. VIDEO films booked are "The Secret Listeners", "Aerial Circus", "Satellite Communications" and a Texaco film about the construction of an oil platform. A selection of these will be shown depending on time available, The venue as usual, Marconi College, Arbour Lane, at 7.30 p.m.

Meetings to watch out for.

February - Open Forum. We are planning to have a panel of experts at the front of the room, who will answer any questions of a technical nature covering all frequencies from DC to daylight. Whilst sitting with your feet up after your Christmas Dinner, give some thought to a tricky question you would like answered.

March - A lecture about aerials by Mr.B.Collins of C.S.Antennas.

Committee Meeting.

Wednesday January 12th, 7.30 p.m. Sportsmans Arms, Hatfield Peverel.

Report on Christmas Clear-out.

Despite the pleas in the last newsletter, there was a disappointing lack of junk for auction in December, but the attendance was one of the best this year. with over 50 members present. John G8DET did a marvellous job as auctioneer calling "done" to confirm a bargain, but we are not sure whether he meant "sold" or "you have been". John was assisted by Peter and Les with Bill taking note of the cash flows. The evening was enjoyed by everyone and the club funds benefited by £26.93. Many thanks to everyone who helped make the evening a success, and to Pauline (XYL de G8DET for providing the hot mince pies with our tea).

Membership.

The club welcomes Terry Snow as a new member to the club. Apologies to Gwyn Williams G4FKH who was shown last month as a SWL, but who has been licenced for 5 years. Congratulations to Clive Mildenhall on passing the R.A.E. and obtaining the call G6MQE and also to Keith Heward who is now G6RBL. Next month we will print a full list of the members of the club.

Slow Morse Transmissions.

Gwyn G4FHK is going to start slow morse transmissions early in the new year. The frequency will be 3.550 MHz and starting at 1930 clock time on Wednesdays. He will start at 5 wpm and go through 8 and 12 to 15 wpm. These transmissions are part of the RSGB slow morse transmissions, and we are honoured to have a member taking part in this service.

A Message from 1st Great Baddow Scout Group - David Saul, G4EKZ.

On behalf of 1st Great Baddow Scouts I should like to thank those club members who have helped us during the year.

In July Dick Brocks, G3WHR organised two evenings of D.F. hunting at Danbury for the Scouts. Those that didn't get thoroughly lost, got thoroughly muddy, and all enjoyed it. Our thanks to Dick and everyone who kindly lent D.F. receivers.

More recently we ran a JOTA station, GB2GBS, for a few hours on Sat. 15th Oct. Thank you to G3NOQ, G8NMP, G4FKW, G4EMB and Paul Tittensor who gave their time and equipment for this event.

YorN - Dick Brocks G3WHR.

For the same outer diameter and dielectric 75Ω co-ax has lower loss than 50Ω co-ax ?

Members News - Roy G3PMX.

Geoff G3EDM and Sylvia have completed the first part of their world tour on the Canberra arriving in Auckland harbour on Sunday 19th December. Using his callsign ZL0AAD contact was made the same day to George G3GNQ, Bill G4JUW and Roy G3PMX, from Colin's station ZL1AUM, conditions were not good but the QSO lasted an hour. En route Geoff made contact with his brother Alan GW3NNF from Los Angeles using the call G3EDM/W6. More contacts are expected from New Zealand as Geoff and Sylvia are staying with Peter ZL1BKT (ex G3XQA) and Mary at their home in Hamilton and will be visiting other amateurs in the area. In mid January Geoff will be in Tasmania and should be heard using his callsign VK7GL - more news as it comes to hand.

The "Chelmsford Net" is still going strong at 1500 hrs each Sunday with Les G4CUT in the chair at this end and Bob W1HH representing the ever increasing Massachusetts group. Les has received from Bob a small package of QSL cards and a map of the Boston area for our interest. Net members who would like a W1HH QSL card should contact Les. In the near future, Roy G3PMX would like to take a group colour photograph of our members who take part in the net, to include with one of our newsletters which are sent regularly each month.

Raffle.

The Christmas raffle was very well supported and the bumper raffle was won by Ela G6HKM. Prizes this month include some glasses, a retractable rule and some chocolates.

This newsletter should reach you by Christmas so on behalf of the committee, I would like to wish all members a very happy Christmas and good DX for the New Year.

73,

Andrew.

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WANTED.

I am attempting to rebuild to original condition a Marconi RX type RG 44 2-20MHz. CIRCA 1945-50. I would be interested to hear from anyone who has experience of this set. Of most interest is if there are any parts still in existence, as certain items are needed. Main items missing are :-

1. Power supply.
2. Guard channel RX modules.

I would be grateful of any help with this project.
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